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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1955

August 1956

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Winslow Rural District for the year 1955 together with the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor on the sanitary circumstances and work of the Sanitary Inspectors, throughout the area.

During the year there were three cases of anterior poliomyelitis notified, all children under ten years of age. Two of the cases were of the paralytic type and one of the non-paralytic. All the cases recovered completely with the exception of one case in which there was slight residual paralysis, following treatment in hospital.

There was a large increase in the total number of measles notified as compared with the previous year. This biennial rise was expected but the number of cases was not so marked as in 1953.

There was no outbreak of food poisoning in the district during the year nor were there any cases of diphtheria, or infections of the enteric type notified.

This Council has wisely continued the policy of agreeing to Improvement Grants on suitable properties, which has in some measure alleviated poor housing conditions. There are however many houses lacking adequate food storage, washing and sanitary accommodation.

It will be noted that all the sewage disposal works are functioning satisfactorily with the exception of a small one at Mursley which has ceased to serve any useful purpose.

I thank the Council for their helpful service, also the members of the staff for their team work throughout the year and assistance in compiling this report.

I am,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1955

Medical Officer of Health	Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts, M.B. Ch.B. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Barrister at Law.
Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts	Dr. P.F. Rudd.
Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor	Mr. N.J. Shipp, .A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	Mr. D.A. Keen, C.R.S.I.
Public Health Clerk	Mrs. F.V. Anderson.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1955

		1954			1955		
		Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Live Births	Legitimate	124	56	68	97	55	42
	Illegitimate	5	3	2	7	5	2
Still Births	Legitimate	-	-	-	6	4	2

	1954	1955
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.88	13.56
Birth Rate (corrected)	19.07	15.31
Total (live & still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.88	14.34
Birth Rate for England & Wales	15.2	15.0

	1954			1955		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Deaths	106	48	58	125	60	65

	1954	1955
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.87	16.29
Standardised Death Rate	10.12	11.89
Death Rate for England & Wales.....	11.13	11.7

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	1954			1955		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	4	2	2	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1	1	-

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	1954	1955
All infants per 1,000 live births	31.00	19.23
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	32.26	10.3
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	142.86

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	1954			1955		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	3	1	2	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1	1	-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	36420
Population	7670
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1955 (according to Rate Book)	2602
Rateable Value (31st December 1955)	£34237
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1955)	£134-15-1

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 80 cases were reported one of which was removed to hospital.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955

	1954	1955
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1.
Measles	5	56.
Pneumonia	2.	3.
Whooping Cough	21.	4.
Scarlet Fever	7.	9.
Poliomyelitis	1.	3.
Erysipelas	-	1.
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) New Cases	2.	3.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Total number of outbreaks	NIL	NIL.
Number of cases	NIL.	NIL.
Number of deaths	NIL	NIL.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

Syphilitic Disease	1.
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1.
Malignant neoplasms, stomach	3.
" " lung, bronchus	2.
" " uterus	1.
" " breast	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	9.
Vascular lesions of nervous system	25.
Coronary disease angina	15.
Hypertension with heart disease	1.
Other heart disease	27.
Other circulatory disease	4.
Pneumonia	6.
Bronchitis	5.
Other diseases of respiratory system	1.
Gastritis diarrhoea and enteritis	2.
Nephritis and nephrosis	1.
Hyperplasis of prostate	1.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	16.
Congenital Malformations	-
Accidents (excluding motor vehicle)	1.
Suicide	2.
	125

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, or one of the Isolation Hospitals in the Oxford Group.

These three hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to Stoke Mandeville or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary

Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Five ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding districts. Included in this number is a sitting case ambulance.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Welfare Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946 administer this service.

Treatment of Veneral Disease

A Veneral Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SECTION 47 (1)

Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention

It was not necessary to remove any case to hospital under this Act during the year.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1955.

During the year there have been no great changes in the general sanitary circumstances of the area and all services operated by the Council have been running smoothly. On page 6 is shown the first meat statistics table for a full year since private slaughtering started up again.

I would once more like to express my appreciation for the continued co-operation and help given by the various Committees and the Council in dealing with matters concerning this Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.H. Knapp

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Public Health and Planning Committee.

WATER SUPPLIES

The following new connections to the Bucks Water Board mains have been reported during 1955.

Drayton Parslow	1.	Nash	1.
Dunton	-	Newton Longville	2.
East Claydon	3.	North Marston	-
Granborough	1.	Shenley Brook End	-
Great Horwood	3.	Stewkley	7.
Hoggeston	-	Swanbourne	-
Hogshaw	-	Tattenhoe	-
Little Horwood	-	Whaddon	4.
Mursley	4.	Winslow	10.

I am indebted to the Bucks Water Board for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the area has been at all times satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

2. Raw water is sampled at approximately monthly intervals. All reports have been satisfactory.

3. Samples of the water from the distributing mains serving this district are taken monthly. All have been satisfactory.

4. Chemical samples are taken quarterly at the source. All satisfactory.

5. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Particulars of water supply are shown parochially as follows:-

Parish	No. of Dwelling Houses on Main	Est. Pop.
Drayton Parslow	109	366
Dunton	22	63
East Claydon	89	335
Granborough	77	244
Great Horwood	187	550
Hoggeston	20	57
Hogshaw	10	32
Little Horwood	79	273
Mursley	112	381
Nash	69	231
Newton Longville	203	652
North Marston	151	500
Shenley Brook End	51	180
Stewkley	281	715
Swanbourne	77	77
Tattenhoe	3	13
Whaddon	93	315
Winslow	473	618

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year all the Council's works and small plants with the exception of that at Mursley have continued to function satisfactorily. At Mursley the works which is now approximately 56 years old is getting extremely overloaded, and the effluent flowing to the works now receives virtually no treatment. It is to be hoped that the new works will be constructed as soon as possible in order that the present flow can be given proper treatment.

For several months of the year great difficulty was

experienced in keeping up a satisfactory maintenance service due to shortage of labour and sickness.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Routine inspections of all food shops have been carried out. The meat inspection service continues to operate satisfactorily and no difficulties have been experienced at any of the three slaughterhouses in use. Eight premises in the district used for the manufacture of sausages are registered.

Unfit food condemned during the year

Carcase meat - 655-lbs.

Offal - 734-lbs.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed(if Known)	170	13	52	652	474	-
Number inspected	169	13	52	652	474	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	4	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	34	-	-	20	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	20%	-	-	3.6%	1.47%	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	4	-
Carceses of which some part or organ was condemned	8	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.7%	-	-	-	2.32%	-
Cysticersosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL.	NIL.	-	-	NIL.	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL.	-
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL.	-	-	NIL	-

ICE CREAM

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. Twenty retailers are registered, all of whom sell well known brands of pre-packed ice-cream. Routine inspection has shown no cause for complaint.

PREPARATION OF FOOD

Routine inspection of premises used for the preparation of food, chiefly small cafes and hotels has shown a generally satisfactory standard.

BYELAWS (Food & Drugs Act, 1938 Sec.15)

These byelaws are being satisfactorily complied with and so far it has not been found necessary to undertake any action other than of an informal nature.

FOOD POISONING

No cases have been notified during 1955.

MILK & DAIRIES

Retail dairies are the subject of routine inspection. Eight premises are registered in the district.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service continues to operate satisfactorily, but due to the continued increase in the number of houses being built regular overtime working has become essential.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7.	10.	NIL.	NIL.
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13.	19.	NIL.	NIL.
TOTAL	20.	29.	NIL.	NIL.

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred To. H.M. Insp.	Referred By H.M. Insp.	Referred By H.M. Pros.
Want of cleanliness	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

No. of Outworkers

Wearing Apparel (Making etc.) 1.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1955.

Housing	399.
Water Supplies	21.
Milk & Dairies	17.
Sewers & Drains	189.
Refuse Tips (including salvage)	52.
Nuisance abated	39.
Inspections re Sanitary Accommodation	13.
Bakehouses	2.
W.C. Conversions	15.
Infectious Disease Visits	12.